

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
AUSTIN DIVISION

COUNSEL HOLDINGS, INC.,

Plaintiff,

v.

EVAN P. JOWERS, LEGIS VENTURES
(HK) COMPANY LIMITED, JOWERS
VARGAS LLC, JOWERS LANGER LLC,

Defendants.

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ORDER

Before the Court is Defendant Evan P. Jowers's ("Jowers") Suggestion of Bankruptcy (Dkts. 31, 34). Jowers represents that he is a debtor in a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case pending in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, under Case No. 24-13584. (*Id.*; *see also* Bankruptcy Petition, Dkt. 31-1).

The filing of a bankruptcy petition renders this action subject to the automatic stay codified in 11 U.S.C. § 362. *See Matter of Reitnauer*, 152 F.3d 341, 343 n.4 (5th Cir. 1998) ("Section 362 provides that the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy operates as a stay of the commencement or continuation of a judicial proceeding against the debtor that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the Title 11 action.") (citing *Commonwealth Oil Refining Co., Inc. v. United States Environmental Protection Agency*, 805 F.2d 1175, 1182 (5th Cir. 1986)).

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that this action is automatically stayed with respect to all defendants pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Jowers file a status report with this Court on a quarterly basis detailing the status of the bankruptcy action, with the first report being due on

August 22, 2024. Additionally, the parties are **ORDERED** to notify this Court immediately should the bankruptcy action be terminated.

SIGNED on May 24, 2024.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. Pitman", is written above a horizontal line.

ROBERT PITMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE